

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/043,951

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In the claims:~~Cancels~~ claim 1.

Amend claims 3, 7, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 17 as follows:

~~In~~ claim 3, replace "claim 1" with --claim 2--.~~In~~ claim 7, replace "claim 1" with --claim 2--.~~In~~ claim 10, replace "claim 1" with --claim 2--.~~In~~ claim 14, replace "claim 1" with --claim 2--.~~In~~ claim 15, in line 1 replace "1" with --2--; in line 5, delete "the" between "of" and "openings" and delete "the" between "in" and "upper".~~In~~ claim 16, replace "claim 1" with --claim 2--.~~In~~ claim 17, insert --the-- between "wherein" and "displacement" and replace "has" with --comprises--.~~11/C TA/E~~
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In the May 1, 2000 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 2, 12, 13, 18 and 19, and rejected claims 1, 3-11, 14-17 and 20.

By amendment presented herein, claim 1 is cancelled and claims 3, 7, 10, 14, 15 and 16 are amended to depend from allowed claim 2. Thus, all dependent claims now depend from an allowed claim or from a claim which depends from an allowed claim.

Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment and to issue a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is requested to revise the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate that the applicants' reference number has changed from "4121-101" to --4139-102--.